

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 13, 1952  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Drake presiding.

## Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Absent: None

Present also: Walter E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Johnson moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

Two Brownies from Zilker School came before the Council in the interest of selling Girl Scout Cookies for their day camps.

MR. JACK SWENSON, President of the Brentwood Recreation Club, stated this club was to promote the playground facilities in the Brentwood area, and was composed of between 150-200 members. The Club had planned to plant about 75 trees on the park area, but had been notified they would be curtailed and could plant only 30-40 because some of the area was to be sold off into lots and a street cut through. The Club did not object to taking 50' for street purposes, but objected to the sale of the extra 140' for lots. The City Manager explained this was all in preliminary planning, and no conclusions had been reached. Some conferences would have to be held with the school authorities. After detailed discussion, Councilman Johnson moved that the matter be referred to the Planning Board and the Park Board and that they asked to report back in two weeks. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

MR. PERRY JONES, representing MR. B. N. GAFFORD, made complaint that MR. MARION FOWLER was extending his boat dock further into the lake than he should, as he had previously put in quite a bit of fill and was out in the lake when he got his permit. He claimed Mr. Fowler's dock was 110' out in the lake from the high-water level, and asked that a surveyor be sent out to see if Mr. Fowler was violating the ordinance. Mr. GAFFORD presented maps showing the property and boat docks. The City Manager stated that Mr. Gafford had just reported the matter, and the Public Works Department had been asked to make an investigation. There was a technical problem involved as to the boundary line. The Mayor asked the City Manager to prepare a report of the investigation. The City Manager was also asked to make an investigation of the sewage disposal from the Commodore into the Lake.

MR. CURTIS MOSTELLER appeared before the Council regarding traffic in Austin. He was asked to bring a list of his questions or suggestions to the Mayor.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, public hearings were held on the following applications for change of zoning:

W. R. WILSON	3500 Block E. 19th	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial Recommended by the Zoning Board
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No one appeared in opposition. Mr. W. R. Wilson appeared in his own behalf. The Mayor asked that those in favor of following the recommendation of the Zoning Board vote "aye"; those opposed, "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw up the necessary ordinance.

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LEMUEL SCARBROUGH	4200 Blk., 4300-4306	From 1st Height & Area To 5th Height & Area NOT Recommended by the Zoning Board
E. C. McCLURE	4402 Morningside Ave.	

MR. WOODROW PATTERSON represented the applicants. MR. M. H. CROCKETT, MR. BEN HIBBITS, and MR. C. E. AUGUST, JR., representing J. W. YETT, Jr., were all interested in making application for the change for their property. The Mayor asked that all who favored upholding the recommendation of the Zoning Board and not granting the change, to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman White

Noes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Drake

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted, and the ordinance would be prepared to change the area from 1st height and area to 5th height and area. He asked the other property owners in this area to make application for the same change of their property.

Councilman Long was interested in the effect this change of zoning would have on 45th Street. Councilman Long then moved that an ordinance be drawn up designating 45th Street as a thoroughfare, in accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Board. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

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W. E. PHILLIPS

1207 Chicon Street

From "C" Commercial  
To "C-1" Commercial  
NOT Recommended by the  
Zoning Board

The Mayor asked that all those in favor of upholding the Zoning Board in his recommendation and not granting the change to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the application had been denied and the change in zone would not be changed.

The Council received notice that the following applications for change of zoning had been referred to the Zoning Commission:

ELMO WARREN

1101 Chicon Street

From "C" Commercial  
To "C-1" Commercial

C. B. HIBBITS

GRANT WEBSTER, by

M. H. Crockett

D. M. FALCONE

J. W. YETT, JR.

4308-14 and 4406 Morn-  
ingside Avenue

From 1st Height & Area  
To 5th Height & Area

Councilman MacCorkle moved that the following application for change of zoning be set for public hearing at 11:00 A.M., April 3rd:

C. B. HIBBITS	All lots, parcels of land and	From FIRST HEIGHT &
GRANT WEBSTER, by	acreage which lie within a line	AREA DISTRICT
M.H.Crockett	established 150' back from and	To FIFTH HEIGHT &
D. M. FALCONE	parallel with the west right-of-	AREA DISTRICT
J. W. YETT, JR.	way line of Lamar Blvd., and sit-	

uated between the north street line of W. 39th and south street line of W. 42nd Street.

All lots, parcels of land and acreage which are now in the 1st height and area district and which lie within a line established 150' back from and parallel with the west right-of-way line of Lamar and situated between the north street line of West 42nd Street and the south street line of West 45th Street.

#### ORDINANCE

All privately owned lots, parcels of land and acreage which lie within a line established 150' back from and parallel with the right-of-way lines of 45th Street and situated between the east street line of Shoalwood Avenue and the west street line of Airport Blvd.

#### ORDINANCE -- Section 2

To amend the portion of Section 2 defining Boulevard Street by adding to the list of Boulevard Streets enumerated therein the following:

Forty-Fifth Street

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Gordon M. Lloyd, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (Filed under SEWERS-Sanitary Contract File No. 566-C )

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with D. B. Barrow, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (Filed under WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS - Contract No. 575-C )

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in VILLAGE DRIVE, from a point 29 feet west of West Park Drive westerly 272 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said VILLAGE DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

(2) A gas main in WEST FRANCIS PLACE, from Village Drive to Hancock Drive, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said WEST FRANCIS PLACE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

The Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The following ordinance was brought up for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 15.43 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE GEORGE W. SPEAR LEAGUE IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF A 103.06 ACRE TRACT OUT OF THE GEORGE W. SPEAR LEAGUE AND THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY #15, ALL IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN THE PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The Council received the following:

"March 13, 1952

"TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

"I certify that the tax assessment against the improvements on 65/100 acre of Lot 2, Theo Low Heights, St. Elmo School District, Plat S-289-B, Item 3, in the name of W. H. Belschner on the tax roll for the year 1951, is incorrect because of erroneous information as follows:

8' x 8' addition was not built until June, 1951, so was not assessable as of January 1, 1951.

I recommend that I be authorized to remove such assessment from the tax roll.

"(Sgd) T. B. Marshall  
City Tax Assessor & Collector"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has made a special investigation of the tax assessment hereinafter set forth and has found the same to be incorrect for the reasons stated in his certificate delivered to the City Council and filed with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in such certificate the City Tax Assessor and Collector has recommended the adjustment in assessed value hereinafter indicated for said assessment, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the following tax assessment for the year shown be and the same is hereby adjusted and corrected to fix the assessed value therein as indicated:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Description of Property</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Adjusted Assessment</u>
1951	Improvements on 65/100 acre of Lot 2, Theo Low Hts., St. Elmo School District, Plat S-289, Item 3	\$2,530	\$2,420

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with W. E. Wilson, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (Filed under WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS - Contract File No. 574-C )

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the final plat of the subdivision known as "Forest Oaks", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on February 28, 1952, be and the same is hereby accepted and authorized to be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, and the ordinances of the City of Austin, and that this action of the City Council be indicated by appropriate notation, signed by the Mayor, on the original plat of said subdivision prior to its recording in the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the final plat of the subdivision known as "Wideman Subdivision", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on November 8, 1951, be and the same is hereby accepted and authorized to be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, and the ordinances of the City of Austin, and that this action of the City Council be indicated by appropriate notation, signed by the Mayor, on the original plat of said subdivision prior to its recording in the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.



The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

Councilman Long asked for a recommendation from the City Manager on some specifications on paved streets in new subdivisions, as she had had calls about so much dust.

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, there appear on the delinquent tax rolls of the City of Austin certain items which represent taxes assessed against personal property for various years prior to 1948; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed that said taxes can not be collected, for the reason that in each case both the property and the owner of the property can not be located, and for the past several years the Tax Collector, after diligent search and inquiry, and on account of such facts, has been unable to collect said taxes, and same should not be longer carried on the rolls as assets of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has compiled a list of such items consisting of 288 pages and totaling \$123,873.67, and has included such list in a report to the City Council dated February 26, 1952, which report and list are on file in the office of the City Clerk; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Assessor and Collector of Taxes be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to charge off and strike from the delinquent rolls the various items of taxes included in said report and list. (On File under TAXES - Personal Delinquent)

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids have been solicited and received for the purchase of two (2) three-phase, 15000/20000/25000 KVA, 11800 volts/69 KV power transformers; and,

WHEREAS, the best and lowest bid submitted is that of the General Electric

Company in the amount of \$173,028.00, delivery to be made within 24 months;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of the General Electric Company for sale to the City of Austin of two (2), three-phase, 15000/20000/25000 KVA, 11800 volts KV power transformers at the price of \$173,028.00 with delivery to be made within 24 months, be and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE HEARING GIVEN TO THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING UPON WEST 5TH STREET AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREINAFTER DEFINED, AS TO SPECIAL BENEFITS TO ACCRUE TO SAID PROPERTY AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF BY VIRTUE OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAID STREET WITHIN SAID LIMITS, AND AS TO ANY ERRORS, INVALIDITIES OR IRREGULARITIES IN ANY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OR CONTRACT THEREFOR; OVERRULING AND DENYING ALL PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS OFFERED; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT EACH AND EVERY PARCEL OF PROPERTY ABUTTING UPON SAID STREET WITHIN THE LIMITS DEFINED WILL BE SPECIALLY BENEFITED AND ENHANCED IN VALUE IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT OF THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED TO BE, AND AS, ASSESSED AGAINST SAID PROPERTY, AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF, AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THE COST OF IMPROVING SAID STREET WITHIN SAID LIMITS DEFINED, FIXING A CHARGE AND LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTIES, AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ASSIGNABLE CERTIFICATES UPON THE COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WORK, THE MANNER AND TIME OF PAYMENT THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER AND METHOD OF COLLECTION OF SAID ASSESSMENTS AND CERTIFICATES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The matter of setting up a separate Tax Department was brought up for discussion. Councilman Long inquired about the matter of collection of taxes by Finance employees. The City Attorney explained the procedure, in that the Tax Assessor would have the overall responsibility, but the actual handling of the funds would be done by the Finance Department.

Mayor Drake then introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE  
ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ORGANIZING  
VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY  
OF AUSTIN," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON JULY 1, 1926,  
AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "G", PAGES 298-301, INCLU-  
SIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
BY AMENDING SECTION 1, SECTION 5, SECTION 7, AND  
SECTION 9, THEREOF, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SEPARATE  
TAX DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND TO PROVIDE  
A MEANS OF RECEIVING, RECEIPT FOR, AND DISTRIBUTION  
OF TAXES AND FEES; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING  
THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its underground telephone conduits in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the Director of Public Works; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company be and the same is hereby permitted to construct its underground telephone conduit in the following streets:

(1) An underground telephone conduit in BURNET ROAD, from Koenig Lane to a point 522 feet north of Romeria Drive, the centerline of which underground telephone conduit shall be 25 feet east of and parallel to the center line of said BURNET ROAD.

(2) An underground telephone conduit in KOENIG LANE, from Burnet Road easterly approximately 140 feet, the centerline of which underground telephone conduit shall be 15 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said KOENIG LANE.

(3) An underground telephone conduit in SHOALMONT DRIVE, from Burnet Road westerly 100 feet, the centerline of which underground telephone conduit shall be 1.5 feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said SHOALMONT DRIVE.

(4) An underground telephone conduit in ALLANDALE ROAD, from Burnet Road westerly approximately 200 feet to pole on south side of street.

THAT the work and construction of said underground telephone conduit, including the excavation of the streets and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said underground telephone conduits have been constructed, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager and in accordance with the ordinances and regulations of the City of Austin governing such construction.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Discussion was held on the Memorandum from the Traffic Engineer, dated March 11, 1952, recommending stop signs along through streets in South Austin. Councilman White felt there were some stop signs that would not be necessary, as some streets had very light traffic. He stated the Council did not have a report from the Traffic Committee on these signs. Councilman MacCorkle asked if a committee of citizens would be asked to check that many stop signs. Councilman White felt the Traffic Committee would be glad to check them. Councilman White moved that the Traffic Committee be consulted and asked to check these stop signs; and that they advise the Council what items they would like to have referred to them. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: Councilman Johnson

Councilman Long suggested a large public hearing in the Coliseum be called so that the people could hear Mr. T. B. Marshall and other members of the staff and the Council with reference to the proposed tax plan. She thought this would be a good plan to get all the facts over to the people. Councilman White thought this was the right way to go about this, as lots of people were disturbed about it. Mayor Drake suggested the Council decide what it wanted, as the whole purpose was to effect a tax equality; and if the Council wished to assess values at a certain percentage of today's cost, Mr. Marshall would set his square foot unit to equalize. Councilman MacCorkle thought that prior to any public hearing, every effort should be made to educate the public over the radio and by newspaper so they would know what the public hearing was about. He stated this was not an administrative matter, but was a policy making issue. The Mayor stated the Council should be in agreement as to what it was going to submit to the people.

Councilman Long submitted the matter of a lower summer water and light rate. She stated she had submitted a plan to the Council which she would like to see put into effect. Councilman MacCorkle stated this should have been taken into consideration when the budget was approved. Councilman White did not think it would change the budget. Councilman Long thought even more revenue would be realized. She stated she would like to see it tried; and when it looked like there would be an alarming shortage, then the rate could be taken off. The City Manager stated if there were more revenues realized, it would mean more water to be produced, sold, transported and purified, and it could not be done. He stated if the reservoir went dry, the people of Austin would be subjected to a fire disaster, and it was his recommendation not to take this chance and impose such upon the citizens of Austin. After more discussion, Councilman Long moved that the Council put on a water rate, giving the people a summer water rate of 15 or 20%, as to be figured by the City Manager, and water on one side of the street one day and the opposite side the next, and give the people a water rate beginning May 1st, through the summer months. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, lost by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, White

Noes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, Mayor Drake

Public hearing on Units 3 & 4 of the West 5th Street Paving Project was held. Mr. C. G. Levander, the Director of Public Works of the City of Austin, briefly described the improvements proposed to be constructed by the City, and explained that the construction would be paid for in part by the City and in part by an assessment against the abutting property and the owners thereof.

Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., the City Attorney, pointed out to the Council that a notice of the hearing had been published in the newspaper as required by law and that in such notice there is a schedule of the rates per front foot to be assessed against the abutting property and its owners on the various portions of streets involved if the Council adopts the plan as proposed.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other parties present who desired to be heard on any matter in connection with the improvements under consideration, but there being no other persons present who wished to be heard at such hearing; Councilman Johnson moved that the hearing be closed and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an Ordinance incorporating the findings of the City Council when made. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the hearing was closed and directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance incorporating the findings of the City Council when made.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED: W. S. Drake

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elise Hooley  
City Clerk